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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Status of ORE Activities Through 31 December 1946

1. The intelligence effort of this Office is represented by the following types of activity: (a) the preparation of written reports and estimates constituting strategic and national policy intelligence; (b) the visual and oral presentation of salient features of the world situation based on (a) above; (c) the representation of CIG interests in proposals for the establishment of interdepartmental programs involving intelligence research and evaluation; (d) the recommendation of the establishment of intelligence programs which, in the interests of the national security should be conducted on an interdepartmental basis; (e) the implementation of, and participation in approved interdepartmental programs involving intelligence research and evaluation; and (f) the determination of requirements for, and evaluation of the adequacy of intelligence information, to be collected, or available, in support of the national intelligence mission.

2. Detailed statements of specific ORE projects, completed, in process or projected, are included in the order named above under the tabs attached hereto.

3. Organizational planning activities of this Office have resulted in: (a) completion of an interim table of organization which, when approved, will form the basis for planned recruitment and placement of personnel required to bring ORE to temporarily adequate producing strength; (b) activation of the Economic Group, Functional Branch, which has accelerated the planning for intelligence coverage in this field; and (c) activation of the Projects Division, Intelligence Staff, which has permitted attention to be focused upon the systematic programming of ORE strategic intelligence estimates.

4. In support of its intelligence effort, this Office has negotiated and implemented mutually satisfactory liaison agreements with the intelligence producing, and certain policy making agencies of the State, War and Navy Departments. In certain instances liaison arrangements have been entered into with agencies of other governmental departments. A survey of such arrangements was recently compiled and submitted to the Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff.

5. As of this date, this Office is operating at 20 per cent of its projected strength based upon the table of organization referred to in paragraph 3 above. The following units of this Office have not as yet been activated: Northern Branch, Reference Branch, Scientific Branch, and the Sociological-Geographic Group and Military Group of the Functional Branch. Efforts to establish these units are in progress.

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